

Sustainability Committee

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: August 24, 2016

Attendees:

Robert ter Kuile
Jeff Prutz
Chuck Lawless
Carrie Schweitzer, Brookhaven
David Griggs

Margie Marshall
Jonas Greene
Craig Belanger
Pat Link
Shane Davis
John Land

Absent: Micah Harleaux

Meeting called to order at 6:35PM

Introductions

Discussed briefly conflict of interest as committee member when making recommendations to City Council.

Meeting Minutes Approval

July 21st Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve: Jeff Prutz

Second: Chuck Lawless

Approved unanimously

August 4th Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Motion: David Griggs

Second: Jeff Prutz

Approved with two additions:

- 1) Add date of the meeting
- 2) Add sentence regarding discussion of trash bins.

Discussed the Council decision to require screening for recycling carts and why we are using bags for garbage. John discussed nonprofit/volunteer groups that are willing to provide screening to residents that meet certain criteria.

Committee asked for cost differences for mixed model collection from CWD. In particular, the Committee wanted cost differences for resident supplied bins or vendor supplied carts. They are also interested in the cost impact if resident purchased the vendor supplied cart.

The Committee would like to see recycling tonnage prior to CWD for group.

The Committee would like a representative from one of the commercial composting companies to speak at the next meeting to answer questions and discuss options pertaining to Farmers Branch.

The committee discussed brush collection cost difference and feasibility of separating brush and bulky collection in separate vehicles or routes.

Energy Efficiency Discussion

Chuck presented the basics of an energy audit.

The committee would like to review energy bills for city facilities. They also wanted to know what kind of energy management devices or systems the City has in place at different facilities.

The Committee briefly discussed the potential benefits of ICCLEI (national organization of city and governments regarding energy efficiencies). The organization could provide benchmarks for cities regarding energy utilization. Finally, the Committee discussed other cities that have committed to purchasing energy from green or renewable sources such as Georgetown.

An Energy Efficiency subcommittee was selected. Chuck will chair the committee, while David and Robert will be members.

All members will send 5 ideas to Shane to compile and distribute to committee.

Next meeting date: Thursday, September 15th at 6:30.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

